



Dear Fellow Mississippians:

On behalf of the Mississippi Department of Corrections (MDOC), it is my privilege and pleasure to present to you the Annual Report for Fiscal Year 2004. This report summarizes the activities and accomplishments of MDOC and reflects the adult felony population in the state through the presentation of the agency's facilities, programs and services.

Through a network of three state institutions, five private prisons, 11 county regional facilities, and 17 community work centers, the Mississippi Department of Corrections provides security, custody, control and care for 23,996 (includes ERS, ISP) inmates. An additional 21,608 felony offenders are supervised through four restitution centers and 66 probation and parole field offices statewide. The agency's 3,299 staff are dedicated professionals committed to providing the time, effort and excellence needed for effective offender management and treatment 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

I am proud of the accomplishments successfully implemented by staff during Fiscal Year 2004. In the coming months, we look forward to building upon these achievements, working in concert with Governor Barbour, the State Legislature, other federal, state, county and local officials, and the public and private sectors to continue our efforts to provide efficient solutions for the many challenges facing corrections. As always, our priority will be to carry out our mission of providing public safety while aggressively developing cost containment measures to reduce the escalating fiscal burden on state revenues.

Sincerely,

Christopher B. Epps
Commissioner